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IFA Sustainability Workshop June 5: Registration deadlines near, key leaders in sustainability to speak

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA)’s Sustainability Workshop is June 5th. The Workshop will be hosted by IFA’s Environmental Programs, which encompass the Indiana Brownfields Program and State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs, and will take place at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. Early bird registration at a reduced rate ends May 20.

“Sustainable development” is the satisfaction of today’s infrastructure needs without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations. Attendees will learn about sustainability concepts and participate in creating new incentives for Brownfields and SRF projects.

Key speakers will include:

- David Forsell, President, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. – Mr. Forsell oversees the non-profit organization, which is dedicated to unifying Indianapolis residents with the goal of beautifying the city, improving the environment and fostering pride in the community. Forsell manages a staff of 15, overseeing litter abatement, recycling, community forestry, parks, youth, neighborhood revitalization and volunteer initiatives. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. also plans to incorporate "green" elements into the design of its brand new headquarters with LEED certification as a goal.
- Wayne Zink, CEO, Endangered Species Chocolate (ESC) – Mr. Zink leads one of the top-selling brands of chocolate among natural supermarkets. Through Mr. Zink’s leadership, ESC has increased sales three-fold while participating in a 10% Give Back program. ESC is on its way to being one of the first organic chocolate bars sold on Target’s shelves, paving the way for further sales in conventional markets. ESC representatives are currently visiting cacao farmers and providing medical help in the Ivory Coast and Nigeria, further demonstrating Mr. Zink’s commitment to ethical trade, sustainability and support of efforts for species, habitats and humanity. Mr. Zink has held roles of leadership in organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Indianapolis Museum of Art and GreenPrint Natural Resource Stewardship Committee among others.

Final registration for the Sustainability Workshop ends May 30.

Space is limited. For accommodation information, the agenda and to register online, visit <http://www.in.gov/ifa/srf/3260.htm>.

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About the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA):

Governor Mitch Daniels created the IFA in 2005 to more effectively manage State-related finances under one entity. The IFA manages various financial programs, which include the Indiana Brownfields Program and the State Revolving Loan Fund Programs.

About the Indiana Brownfields Program:

The IFA's Indiana Brownfields Program works in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other Indiana agencies to assist communities in making productive use of their brownfield properties. The program's mission is to encourage and assist investment in the redevelopment of brownfield properties by helping communities via educational, financial, technical and legal assistance to identify and mitigate environmental barriers that impede local economic growth.

About the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs:

The IFA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs provide low-interest loans to Indiana communities for projects that improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. The Program's mission is to provide eligible entities with the lowest interest rates possible on the financing of such projects while protecting public health and the environment. SRF also funds non-point source projects that are tied to a wastewater loan.